

ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA BEING FRAMED CONJOINTLY BY GERMANY AND ENGLAND

Castro's Proffered Settlement Not Satisfactory and Fails to Placate the Two Governments, and Joint Action Decided Upon.

Note to Be Presented to President Castro Without Awaiting the Mobilization of the Entire Fleet in Caribbean Waters.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The German government is not placated by the terms of the note presented recently to the German minister at Caracas by President Castro of Venezuela.

An attempt to gain further time is believed to be the purpose of the Venezuelan executive. The terms offered are not deemed adequate nor otherwise satisfactory. Conditions unacceptable to Germany would accompany the partial acceptance of the German demand by Venezuela.

Joint action by England and Germany has been practically resolved upon subsequent to an interchange of views with the British foreign office. Venezuela will almost assuredly be served within a few days with an ultimatum.

FLEETS ASSEMBLING TO COERCE VENEZUELA.

Fourteen British and German warships, carrying 3,611 men and 300 guns, are in Venezuelan waters, on the way, or under orders to go there, as follows:

BRITISH SHIPS.			GERMAN SHIPS.		
Vessels.	Men.	Guns.	Vessels.	Men.	Guns.
Ariadne, flagship, first-class cruiser.....	677	41	Vineta, first-class cruiser.....	460	26
Charlydis, second-class cruiser.....	318	20	Gazelle, third-class cruiser.....	210	28
Phaeton, second-class cruiser.....	297	26	Niobe, third-class cruiser.....	210	28
Retribution, second-class cruiser.....	273	21	Ariadne, third-class cruiser.....	210	28
Tribune, second-class cruiser.....	273	18	Amazona, third-class cruiser.....	210	28
Fantome, sloop-of-war.....	160	12	Falko, third-class cruiser.....	150	12
Alert, sloop-of-war.....	105	12	Total—6 ships, 1,450 men, 144 guns.		
Quail, torpedo-boat destroyer.....	58	6			
Total—8 ships, 2,161 men, 156 guns.					

Germany and England are now discussing the phraseology of the note. Its service on Venezuela will not be delayed until the arrival of the German fleet in Caribbean waters. Germany at all times maintains in the West Indies a fleet which will be sufficient under present conditions to enforce its claims.

An article in the "Cologne Gazette" says that despite Germany's patience all hope has been abandoned in Berlin of a peaceful settlement, and that Venezuela has treated Germany in a manner almost insulting. Venezuela, it is alleged, published official communications without Germany's consent, coupled with improper comments.

British Cruiser at La Guaira.

CARACAS, Dec. 5.—The indefatigable, a British cruiser, arrived at La Guaira yesterday. Other British ships of war are expected here within a few days.

B. N. BAKER RETIRES AND MAKES PRINCELY GIFTS

Steamship Trust Stocks for Former Employees.

GRATUITIES WORTH \$350,000

Bernard N. Baker Also to Sever Active Connection With Baker-Whiteley Coal Company.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 5.—Bernard N. Baker, who has retired as president of the Atlantic Transport Company in consequence of its absorption by the International Mercantile Marine Company, has announced that on the first of the year he will also sever his active connection with the Baker-Whiteley Coal Company, of which he is now president.

He will probably be succeeded by James S. Whiteley, who is now vice president. This is in line with Mr. Baker's determination to relieve himself of all business cares possible and take a good rest.

Has Earned a Rest.

"I have been working hard for a quarter of a century and feel that I have earned a good rest," said Mr. Baker. "I mean to take it now if the people will only let me do it."

The old coal pier of the Baker-Whiteley Company, off Clinton Street, Canton, and between the new pier and the large pier of the Atlantic Transport Line will be torn down, Mr. Baker said, in order to give more berth room for the big ships of the Atlantic Transport Line.

The coal company has sold its new pier to the Northern Central Railway Company, and the transfer will take place on January 1. The company owns a number of tugs and scows, and Mr. Baker said that it will continue in the business of supplying coal to dealers about the harbor.

Mr. Baker was born in Baltimore, May 11, 1854, and his first business venture was made in August, 1874, when he started a chemical company at Canton. In the fall of the same year he established the coal firm of Baker, Whiteley & Co.

"I brought the first soft coal over the Pennsylvania Railroad from the Clearfield region to Baltimore," he said.

Christmas Gifts for Employees.

In settling with the stockholders of the Atlantic Transport Company after its merger with the other steamship lines absorbed by the International Mercantile Marine Company, Mr. Baker reserved enough to make a very substantial Christmas gift to the heads of departments, clerical force, and other employees. These gifts are now being distributed by Mr. Baker in the shape of securities of the new combine.

To employees whose services are to be retained by the International Mercantile Marine Company, the new owner of the property, is given an equivalent of one year's salary, and to those whose services are to be dispensed with, an equivalent of two years' salary.

A Case of Reciprocity.

"The boys stood by me in both bad and good times, and always treated me kindly and with respect," said Mr. Baker. "Now I want them to feel that I appreciate it and that if they lose their positions they will have something to keep them from want until they secure other places. Many of them have been with me since the company was formed and have worked faithfully."

"The cash valuation of the securities distributed among the employees aggregates about \$350,000. Stock is now being issued to them as fast as it can be made out and in denominations of their choice."

Stepped Against a Hot Stove.

A child of Mrs. George T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove, which burned him severely. The child was in great agony and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. It is less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Sellar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic ointment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Henry Evans, Wholesale and Retail, and all druggists.

FINDS BRIDE DEAD IN SMALLPOX PESTHOUSE

Fiance Nursed Her Until Taken Away.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 5.—After nursing his sweetheart through the early stages of smallpox, Rowan Ruder was subjected to the grief of having her taken from under his charge to the pesthouse. Yesterday he violated the city health regulations and made his way to the hospital.

"She is dead," were the words which greeted him upon his arrival. He was not permitted to see the body, which was at once buried in the ground set aside for smallpox victims.

The girl was Sophia Reeder, of Antrim, Va. She came here from Rochester, N. Y., where she had been visiting, to wed Mr. Ruder. All arrangements were made and they were to have been united within a few days. Both are Catholics.

Miss Reeder was ill when she arrived, and was taken to the boardinghouse of her affianced husband. There it was discovered that she had contracted smallpox.

The young man nursed her, and as long as she remained in the house he never left her side. The city health officers had her removed to a hospital and from there to the desolate and distant pesthouse, without a friend or a loved one to tend her.

Physicians thought the case a slight one. Miss Reeder had been in the pesthouse two days when she asked for a priest to be sent for. The message was not taken, as the attendants thought she was not in immediate danger.

On the third night she again asked for a priest. At midnight she was dead.

REICHSTAG'S PRESIDENT INCENSES SOCIALIST

Session Closed in Uproar and Riot.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Herr Singer, a socialist deputy, created a scene in the Reichstag yesterday which resulted in an abrupt termination of the session.

Singer, who had the floor and was delivering a speech replete with his political creed, took umbrage at a remark of the presiding officer, Count Stolberg. He approached the speaker's platform and began a violent harangue.

Stolberg ordered Singer to his seat, but the socialist deputy refused. Amid uproar the speaker adjourned the session for half an hour.

When the house met again Singer returned and resumed his place as if nothing had happened.

Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, tried to clear up the misunderstanding between Singer and Stolberg, but without success. Count Stolberg arose and expressed regret that Singer had persisted in returning to the chamber, and added: "I will not allow him to participate in the deliberations today."

LAWYERS SEEK TO HAVE REPUTATION VINDICATED

Attorneys George W. McClintic and Murray Briggs have filed a petition in the Supreme Court of the United States asking that a rule issue against Attorney Conrad Holmes requiring him to show cause why he charges them with collusion and perpetrating a fraud upon the court in a legal case. The petitioners are counsel for the State of West Virginia in a suit brought by John S. Swann and others involving the payment of taxes upon certain lands. Mr. Holmes is counsel for the defendants.

Messrs. McClintic and Briggs say the charge made against them by Mr. Holmes is without foundation, and ask, if he does not appear and answer, that the court take some action to vindicate their reputations.

The case came to the Supreme Court of the United States on appeal from the State court of West Virginia.

NEW CUP CHALLENGER THREATENED BY FIRE

Lipton's Shamrock III Has a Narrow Escape.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Shamrock III, Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's cup, had a narrow escape from being burned last night in a fire which did great damage to Denny's shipbuilding yards at Dumbarton.

Only strenuous efforts saved the challenger, now well advanced in her construction. Red hot cinders were blown on the roof and sides of the shed in which the Shamrock III is being built.

The fire was fiercest in the fitters' shop and the wind blew in the direction of the Shamrock's shed, which is only thirty yards distant, for an hour. All the material parts of Shamrock III are safe, although the construction of the yacht will be delayed for some time. Shipbuilder Denny said he feared at one time that there was not the slightest hope of saving the challenger. The fire was of accidental origin. The damage is estimated at \$100,000 and about 700 workmen will lose their employment temporarily.

When Sir Thomas Lipton heard the news, he said:

"She certainly has begun with bad luck early. Shamrock II started with a bath and finished with a fine bath when she dropped her mast and sails in the Solent. She, too, had a touch of fire, her sails being burned. I am, of course, thankful that the new challenger has escaped, but I fear that the damage done to the shipyard may seriously retard her work on her. If her models, which were not in the shed, are destroyed, it will be a very serious matter. I shall go to Dumbarton tomorrow to see for myself how things stand."

DISCOVERY OF COFFEE.

Made by an Arabian Shepherd.

Coffee was first discovered in the sixth century by an Arabian shepherd who having observed the goats of his flock skip about and display other signs of intoxication after eating the coffee berry, concluded to try its effects on himself, and thus discovered its exhilarating property.

This discovery proved the poor shepherd's undoing, for he indiscriminately used large quantities, green, for its exhilarating effect and soon died, poisoned by its use.

In the sixteenth century, it was introduced into France, and was used so strong and excessively, particularly by the Parisians, that it was found to injure alike the complexion and digestion. This discovery prevented its general introduction into other European countries for the next century.

Since that period, its growth has gradually spread through the civilized world, despite the fact that pain and destruction follow its path. Dyspepsia, having hardly been known before its introduction. It is a "nervine stimulant" and narcotic poison, and though in no sense a food, is used for its stimulating principles. Caffeine, which excites the nerves unnaturally and wastes the reserve force of the body. Coffee drives the nerves for a time, stimulating them beyond their natural functions, and using up all their reserve force. After the first effects are past, comes breaking down of the nerve centers and general nervous derangement. Following this in many but not in all cases is a long train of misery, among which the principal symptoms are drowsiness in mouth and throat, headache, biliousness, pains in stomach or abdomen, pain in eyes and head, loss of appetite, dyspepsia and so on through a long, long list, but the one cause of all the different symptoms is the same.

The nerves have been broken down; their reserve force is gone. Many of the symptoms of poisoning are—extreme nervousness, restlessness, anguish of mind and heart, excessive relaxation of body and brain, gloominess, inability to think correctly, sleeplessness at night, drowsiness in the morning, etc. A lady from Sebastopol, Cal., writes, "I was a sick and poisoned woman when I began to use Postum Food Coffee in place of coffee, and after two years' steady use I find that Postum soothes the nerves and builds them up, storing reserve force and strength for 'time of need,' enabling me to sleep well, awake refreshed and bright for each day's task. It digests easily, builds and tones up the stomach and also builds up a good, strong brain, ready for any mental strain or toll." Name given by Postum Co., B. title Creek, Mich.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS INDICTED IN TENNESSEE

Grand Jury, Through Misunderstanding, Charges Them With Running an Illicit Distillery.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 5.—The grand jury of Polk county has drawn indictments against Henry Hatfield, Charles Bennett, and John E. Montgomery, three Government storekeepers and gaugers, and considered the question of bringing a true bill against Henry C. Hart, internal revenue collector, on charges of illicitly operating a distillery. It seems that the offending distillery was located within one mile of a Government distillery near Benton. The grand jury held that because the revenue men had visited the locality to inspect the registered distillery they were implicated in the operation of the illicit still. As soon as the facts are known the indictments will be quashed.

TWO NEW CLUBS AT YALE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 5.—Yale is to have two new clubs. One will be the Catholic Club, composed of students of that creed in the university, which was organized on a temporary basis Monday night. The next club to be organized will be the British Club. A call for all the subjects of Great Britain in the university to meet and form a club was issued this morning. The sons of Britannia will be organized tonight.

FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE

Penalty of \$50 Fine or Three Months Imprisonment Imposed on Proprietor of River View Hotel.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 5.—Almost the entire session of the circuit court for this county yesterday was taken up with the hearing in the case of the State vs. George W. Sullivan, proprietor of River View Hotel on the Conduit Road, upon a charge of selling intoxicating liquors without license. Detective Louis Wein of Baltimore is the prosecuting witness. The defense introduced no evidence. The jury found the traverser guilty. Other cases disposed of were: Mrs.

Kate R. Byrnes, selling liquor, guilty, fine \$150, or imprisonment in the house of correction for three months; Carl Blaucock, selling liquor, guilty, fined \$300; and other cases against him continued upon the understanding that he stop selling liquor.

The cases now in progress are Anti-Saloon League cases.

STORM IN ENGLISH CHANNEL.

DOVER, England, Dec. 4.—A severe snow storm is raging along the coast, and is seriously impeding shipping and land traffic. The boom of warning guns, fired by the beach guards, to keep vessels off shore, is continuous. Reports from Calais are to the effect that the storm is also heavy along the French coast.

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The Unequaledness of Saks-Clothing



In the Suits are Military-cut Sacks, Single and Double Breasted, two and three button of the latter; conservative-cut Single and Double Breasted Sacks—rich choice of Plain/Black/Tailors', Black and Blue Chevots, and many exclusive effects in Fancy Chevots, Cassimeres, and Tweeds.

It's best—that's its success. It has taught practical economy to many a man who need care little for cost. It has given the man who has to "figure close" the possession of the best. First of all it is made to perfection. Then it is sold at the price that is possible through the union of making and retailing interests. The responsibility is all ours—for we are the makers of it.

No matter where you select your point of estimate—whether at \$7.50 or at \$45—whether in Suit or Overgarment—its many features of superiority prevail. The styles are different from any; the fit is of marked perfection; the tailoring shows the master hand—and it wears with consistent satisfaction.

You should compare the Suits and Overcoats here at **\$10.00** with those anywhere else at \$12.50.

You should compare the Suits and Overcoats here at **\$12.50** with those anywhere else at \$15.00.

You should compare the Suits and Overcoats here at **\$15.00** with those anywhere else at \$18.00.

In these three popular grades we provide every style—in immense assortment. Truly we believe that it's as big a variety as is shown most-where at all prices. Every size with us means the "Fit Reform" eight variations.

The Boys' Clothing Store Plans Another Big Saturday.



The Boys who need Suits need spend hardly more than half the regular price tomorrow; while the Boys who need Overcoats reap a like advantage. The regular price of either one—Suit or Overcoat—can enjoy the purchase of both, thanks to some special opportunities that were offered the Boys' Clothing buyer this week.

250 Boys' Double-breasted and Novelty Short Pants Suits, that are all wool and in very desirable patterns; the linings are Italian cloth, and in the pants are patent bands. Every size is here from 4 to 15 years—and every Suit in the lot is worth \$2.00. Choice.... **\$1.95**

250 Boys' Double Breasted and Norfolk Short Pants Suits in Plain Blue and Black Chevots and Fancy Chevots; all wool, of course, silk sewed, of course; with patent bands and taped seams. Sizes 4 to 15 years and representative \$5 values for choice at..... **\$3.25**

150 Boys' Overcoats, cut and made in the most popular style; good and long, with nobby full back; lined with Italian cloth; velvet collars; while the fabric is the warm and durable Oxford Mixed Frieze. These sizes run from 4 to 15 years, and \$3 values—every penny of it..... **\$2.15**

150 Boys' Overcoats, in Plain Black and Oxford Gray Frieze; every thread wool; double stitched edges, velvet collar; cut long and full; stylish, comfortable, and you may be sure they'll wear. Sizes 6 to 16 years, and worth \$5..... **\$3.45**

Extraordinary Values in Men's Underwear and Hosiery.

You want to do more than read about these values—you want to come and see them. They'll impress you as they did us, as being exceptional for the money.

Heavy Derby Ribbed Fleece Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers. The Shirts have silk fronts and pearl buttons; the Drawers have double gussets, suspender tapes, and pearl buttons. There's every size in both Shirts and Drawers—and we've just one case of them. Best we've ever seen sold at..... **50c**

Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers: Shirts with self fronts, ribbed skirts; Drawers with double gussets, suspender tapes, and seams taped. Another case lot; another unusual value. Worth \$1.25 a garment, for..... **95c**

Men's Camel's Hair and Gray Wool Hose; just the weather for them, and the value that sells usually for 2 for 25c. We thought they'd interest you at..... **2 for 25c**

Men's Cashmere Half Hose, in Gray, Brown, Black, and Oxford; both medium and heavy weight. 35c a pair everywhere..... **25c**

Last Special Hat Sale 'Til After Christmas.



There are about 40 dozen Hats in this lot we're just putting on sale—Derbys and Soft Hats; and these with up all contracts we have for delivery of surplus stocks before the holidays.

They come from a contemporaneous maker with those that comprised last week's sale. They are rivals in values and shapes; it's a toss-up which makes the best Hat of the two.

There are all the staple and novelty shapes in Derbys and Soft Hats, including the Stanhope, in all its various dimensions.

They are \$2 and \$2.50 Hats—and the choice is as remarkable as before..... **\$1.00**

Boys' All-Wool Stocking Caps, in a wide variety of patterns and colors; worth 35c each. Special for tomorrow..... **25c**

Boys' All-Wool Cloth Winter Caps, in Blue, Black, and Oxford, with that new inside cape that preserves the Cap as a dressy Cap, and at the same time is ready with the ear protection when it is cold; worth 75c. Special..... **50c**

Shoes that Should Have Your Attention

It's "a family affair." Men, women, and children are all beneficiaries.

Women's Black Vici Kid, Box, and Velour Calf Button and Lace Shoes; light and flexible. \$2.50 value. GUARANTEED at..... **\$1.50**

Men's Black Wax Calf, Vici Kid, and Box Calf Lace and Congress Shoes; single and double soles; desirable shapes. \$3 value. GUARANTEED at..... **\$1.85**

Little Gents' "Kant Kick" Black Vici Kid, Box Calf, Patent and Enamel Leather Lace Shoes; heels and spring heels; mannish shapes and solid leather. \$1.75 and \$2 values. GUARANTEED at..... **\$1.35**

The "Mignon" still holds first place for the girls. It is the dressiest and best-wearing Shoe of them all. Black Kid and Box Calf; Button and Lace styles; solid oak soles.

Size 5 to 8..... **\$1.00 a Pair.**
 8½ to 11..... **\$1.15 a Pair.**
 11½ to 2..... **\$1.25 a Pair.**

"Young Men's" Suits and Overcoats.

Note the distinction—"Young Men's." There's a world of meaning in that name; its adoption by others only proves to what degree we have made it an important feature. With us it means Clothing made expressly for the Young Men; designed for them, fashioned for them, tailored for them.

We can repeat for tomorrow last Saturday's very special offering in Suits and Overcoats. But that will probably close out the lots.

The Suits are Plain Blue and Black and Fancy Mixed Single and Double Breasted Sacks—the Double Breasted with the new two-button effect.

The Overcoats are in Plain Black and Oxford Mixture, cut long and full and very swaggy. They are Italian lined and have velvet collars. Sizes of both Suits and Overcoats run from 15 to 19 years—and the values equal any at \$10 and \$12. CHOICE FOR..... **\$9.00**

250 pairs of Boys' Separate Knee Pants—Black, Blue, and Fancy Chevots and Corduroys; all made with patent bands and taped seams. Sizes 4 to 16 years, and regular 75c. value. Special while the lot lasts..... **45c**

Boys' Natural Wool Underwear, full proportions and regular making; both Shirts and Drawers; warm and strong; worth 35c a garment, for..... **25c**

Boys' Wool Gloves, in Red, White, Gray, and Fancy Mixtures; worth 35c a pair..... **25c**

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